

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
ROOM W064  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2007**

Worthe Holt, J.R., M.D., President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present:           Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., President  
                                  N. Stacy Lankford, M.D.,  
                                  Thomas Akre, D.O.  
                                  Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Consumer Member  
                                  Bharat Barai, M.D.  
                                  William Beeson, M.D., Vice President

Member Absent:           Navin Barot, M.D., Secretary

Staff Present:           Michael Rinebold, Board Director  
                                  Professional Licensing Agency  
                                  Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director  
                                  Professional Licensing Agency  
                                  James Schmitt, Deputy Attorney General  
                                  Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda and addendum as amended.

Lankford/Barai 6/0/0

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting.

Lankford/Barai, 6/0/0

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **INITIAL APPLICANTS**

The following personal appearances were continued:

Anzber Ansar, M.D.	Efren Lopez, M.D.	Richard RePass, M.D.
Kevin Ronan, M.D.	William Powers, M.D.	Martin Bonney, Jr., M.D.

The following appeared before the full Board for their scheduled personal appearance.

**Ifeany Anigbo, M.D., 01044809A** – Dr. Anigbo appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

The NPDB indicates he voluntarily surrendered his privileges relating to professional competency. He surrendered his OB privileges at the Hospital after the hospital informed him it was not reportable as he was not going to practice OB again he was staying with family practice.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Anigbo's renewal application.

Holt/Akre, 5/0/1, with Dr. Barai abstaining

**John Kevin Burns, M.D., 01043507A** – Dr. Burns appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on his renewal application and was represented by Randall Fearnow, J.D. and Kelly Green, RN, J.D.

The Board moved to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY, but REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG's OFFICE for investigation in accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(g). The status of his license will be "Valid to practice while reviewed" allowing Dr. Burns to continue to practice while the AG's office investigates.

Huddleston/Lankford, 6/0/0

**Vince Hume, D.O., 02002953A** – Dr. Hume appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on his renewal application and documentation received by the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Hume explained that his treatment of a patient had a temporary bad outcome. He was terminated from the Hospital due to this incident.

After discussion the Board moved to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY but to REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG'S OFFICE for investigation in accordance with IC 25-1-4(g). The status of his license will be "Valid to practice while reviewed" allowing Dr. Hume to continue to practice while the AG's office investigates.

Let the record reflect that Mr. Huddleston and Dr. Holt recused themselves from this personal appearance.

Beeson/Lankford, 4/0/0

**Philip Johnson, M.D., 01023461A** – Dr. Johnson appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Johnson informed the Board that this matter was previously reviewed by the Board. In checking previous information it was found in the August 2003 minutes a letter of reprimand and fine were issued to Dr. Johnson regarding this matter.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Johnson's renewal application.

Lankford/Holt, 6/0/0

**Il Kwak, M.D., 01026132A** – Dr. Kwak appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Kawk's renewal application.

Lankford/Huddleston, 6/0/0

**Paul McKee, M.D.** – Dr. McKee appeared before the Board concerning his Medical school and was not represented by counsel. Steve Wheeler, M.D., Program Director appeared on Dr. McKee's behalf.

Dr. McKee graduated from Saba University, which is on the Board's questionable list of Foreign schools. Dr. Wheeler explained that the residency program Dr. McKee was in had two (2) rotations in Indiana and in order to complete those rotations Dr. McKee needed to obtain a residency permit in Indiana. During discussion Dr. Wheeler indicated that it was possible for Dr. McKee to do those rotations in Kentucky with a different facility.

Dr. Lankford made a motion to deny the application and Mr. Huddleston seconded it after discussion Dr. Lankford withdrew his motion to deny. After further discussion the Board asked Dr. McKee if he wished to withdraw his

application. Dr. McKee respectfully requested to withdraw his application. The Board moved to ACCEPT the WITHDRAWAL.

Lankford/Barai, 6/0/0

**George Merkle, M.D., 01023363A** – Dr. Merkle appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was represented by Susan Ziel, J.D.

The Board moved to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY, but REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG's OFFICE for investigation in accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(g). The status of his license will be "Valid to practice while reviewed" allowing Dr. Merkle to continue to practice while the AG's office investigates.

Huddleston/Lankford, 6/0/0

**Thomas Orman, M.D., 01030054A** – Dr. Orman appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was represented by counsel.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Orman's renewal application.

Huddleston/Lankford, 6/0/0

**J. Rex Parent, M.D., 01023963A** – Dr. Parent appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Parent's renewal application.

Huddleston/Lankford, 6/0/0

**Philip Pryor, M.D., 01025687A** – Dr. Pryor appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was represented by Bruce Bratton, J.D.

In 2005 after a personal appearance before the Board, Dr. Pryor's license was neither renewed nor denied but referred to the AG's office for investigation, making his status "Valid to practice while reviewed". The same documentation was reviewed by the Board in 2007 as the AG's office has not concluded this investigation.

The Board moved again to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY but REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG'S OFFICE for investigation. Dr. Pryor's status remains "Valid to practice while reviewed".

Huddleston/Lankford, 5/0/1, with Dr. Holt abstaining

**Denise Reeves, M.D., 01039273A** – Dr. Reeves appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and her renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Reeves' renewal application.

Lankford/Holt, 6/0/0

**Thomas Shealy, M.D., 01028513A** – Dr. Shealy appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

The Board had documentation from the Department of Insurance indicating that Dr. Shealy has had seven (7) malpractice suits filed since 2000.

After discussion the Board moved to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY, but REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG's OFFICE for investigation in accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(g). The status of his license will be "Valid to practice while reviewed" allowing Dr. Shealy to continue to practice while the AG's office investigates.

Lankford/Barai, 6/0/0

**Gary Vize, M.D., 01054568A** – Dr. Vize appeared before the Board concerning documentation received by the Board and his renewal application and was represented by Robert Saint.

After discussion the Board moved to NEITHER RENEW NOR DENY, but REFER THIS MATTER TO THE AG'S OFFICE for investigation in accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(g). The status of his license will be "Valid to practice while reviewed" allowing Dr. Vize to continue to practice while the AG's office investigates.

Lankford/Huddleston, 6/0/0

**Maesh Goel, M.D.** – Dr. Goel appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his initial application and was represented by John Ittenback.

He has been accepted into a fellowship program and IU and Dr. Lingaman will be his supervisor.

After discussion the Board moved to GRANT a TRAINING PERMIT for a period of one (1) year with the following condition:

- Program must submit a report on performance at six (6) months and then again at eleven (11) months. He can then come back to the Board to request a full license.

Barai/Holt, 6/0/0

**Islam Bolad, M.D.** – Dr Bolad appeared before the Board regarding the USMLE 7 year rule and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Bolad presented proof that he tried to obtain a visa twice to come to the United States in order to take Step 3 of the USMLE before his 7 year period was up. He was denied a passport two separate times as they stated he wanted to come to the U.S. to obtain employment. He also has a license in Maine.

After discussion the Board moved to GRANT a WAIVER of the USMLE 7 year rule based upon his proof of immigration problems and APPROVED Dr. Bolad for issuance of a license.

Barai/Beeson, 5/0/0

(Dr. Holt was not in attendance for this appearance)

The Board approved the following Personal Appearance recommendations submitted by all attending Board members. Lankford/Barai, 6/0/0

<b>Tahir Abbasi, M.D.</b>	<b>Roy Arnold, M.D.</b>	<b>Scott Barnacle, M.D.</b>
<b>Lawrence Bernstein, M.D.</b>	<b>Geoffrey Giordano, D.O.</b>	<b>Ajay Gohil, M.D.</b>
<b>Jeffery Kamysz, M.D.</b>	<b>Lindsey Kerr, M.D.</b>	<b>Andrew Miller, M.D.</b>
<b>Barifi Opore-Addo, M.D.</b>	<b>Jeffrey Pruitt, M.D.</b>	<b>Laura Tenner, M.D.</b>
<b>Arnold del Pilar, D.O.</b>		

**Mark Webster, M.D., 01056957A** – Neither renewed nor denied but referred to the AG's Office for investigation.

**Robert Faul, M.D.** Initial Application – Approved pending SPEX and letter from perspective employer detailing duties and acknowledging that they are fully aware of his medical practice background.

**Ahmad Gaben, M.D.** Initial Application – Approved pending receipt and approval of a Psychiatric evaluation already completed in the State of Illinois.

**Prem Konakondia, M.D.** Initial Application – Approved pending a letter from IUSOM Internal Medicine department acknowledging that they are aware of his history with the Illinois program. IUSOM must also acknowledge that they will voluntarily submit a letter of progress to the Board upon completion of 6 months and 1 year and that they will report to the Board if privileges are restricted in any

manner. He must also have the Peoria, Illinois program submit a letter to the Board referencing his problems with their program.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Adam B. Cline, D.C., LAC, License No. 81000071A, Cause No. 2005 MLB 0010**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Andy Rutledge Reporting. Michael Rinebold, Board Director was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent.

Mr. Rinebold testified that Dr. Cline was in full compliance with his probationary order.

Dr. Cline informed the Board that he completed an IOP at Wabash Valley and his sobriety date is June 2006 when he stopped drinking socially. He stated that he is also having quarterly meetings with Dr. Timothy Kelly.

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the order of Probation.

Beeson/Akre, 5/0/0  
(Dr. Lankford was not in attendance)

#### **Lawrence Bailey, Jr., M.D., License No. 01033348A, Cause No. 98 MLB 0025**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Reinstate scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Andy Rutledge Reporting. John Sumerceedes, M.D. was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent.

Let the record reflect that Dr. Beeson recused himself from this hearing.

Dr. Bailey submitted to the Board a psychiatric evaluation completed by John Hall, M.D. in Cincinnati, Ohio.

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to REINSTATE Dr. Bailey's license on PROBATION with the following terms:

- Scope of practice may not exceed that allowed for the holder of a temporary medical permit (for postgraduate training) and must be in an ACGME certified residency program for no less than six (6) months.
- Must obtain a favorable letter of recommendation from the director of the residency program.
- Must take the SPEX or CPEP before seeking modification of his probationary order.

Barai/Akre, 4/1/1, with Dr. Lankford objecting and Dr. Beeson abstaining

**Richard Karrell, M.D., License No. 01036329A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0009**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION with the following terms:

- Must comply with the terms in his Kentucky Order
- He must notify Indiana with in 72 hours of any status change and/or amendments to his KY order.
- Must notify the Indiana Board with in 72 hours of actions taken in any other States.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Lankford/Barai, 6/0/0

**Lesley Scholl, M.D., License No. 01037897A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0014**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Peter Pogue, Esq. before a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

Dr. Scholl testified that he was arrested for an OWI on May 29, 2007. At the time of his arrest he had four (4) loaded hand guns in his vehicle and \$14,000 in cash.

He is working a treatment program through the Police Department. He is required to attend 10 AA meetings and is required to do random urine drug screens. He is currently scheduled to enter RUSH for an inpatient evaluation on August 13, 2007.



After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to request the Respondent to obtain a mental evaluation by a Board certified addictionologist with in two (2) weeks.

Huddleston, Akre, 5/1/0, with Dr. Lankford objecting

The Board further moved to DENY the Summary Suspension.

Barai/Akre, 4/2/0, with Dr.'s Lankford and Beeson objecting

**Shashi Puttaswamy, M.D., License No. 01041820A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0023**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

An agreement between the Respondent, her attorney and the Office of the Attorney General was presented to the Board by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General.

The agreement included a Letter of Reprimand with a \$1,000 fine and costs of this proceeding and transcripts. It also included CEU's which have already been completed.

Upon asking Dr. Puttaswamy if she agreed to the proposal without objection she indicated to the Board that she really did not agree to it but felt she didn't have a choice.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board REJECTED the agreement.

Huddleston/Lankford, 5/0/1, with Dr. Holt abstaining

The Board further moved to CONTINUE this matter for a full hearing.

Huddleston/Akre, 5/1/0 with Dr. Holt objecting

**REVIEW OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS**

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and approved them for issuance:

Timothy Almquist, M.D.  
Satya Chaparala, M.D.  
Jan Herholdt, M.D.

Olusegun Apata, M.D.  
John Chunga, M.D.  
Stephen Humphrey, M.D.

Gregory Berman, M.D.  
Brad Epstein, M.D.  
Karen Johnson, M.D.

Nicole Nace, M.D.  
Gregory Ward, M.D.

Brian Plaisier, M.D.

Ram Sharma, M.D.

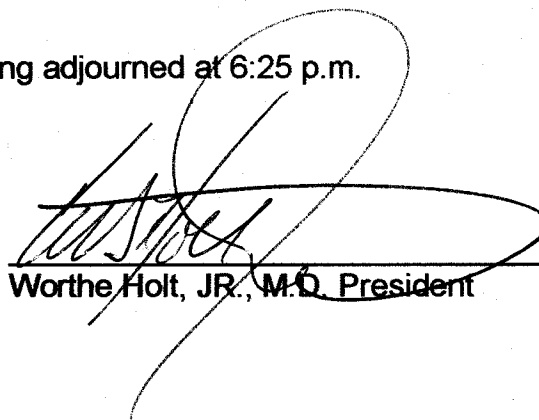
The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and requested that they personally appear before the Board:

Kenneth Drews, M.D.  
Elizabeth Nelson, M.D.

Ralf Hatch, M.D.  
Jeffrey Pointer, M.D.

Christine Hobbs, M.D.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Worthe Holt, JR., M.D. President

William Beeson, M.D., Vice President